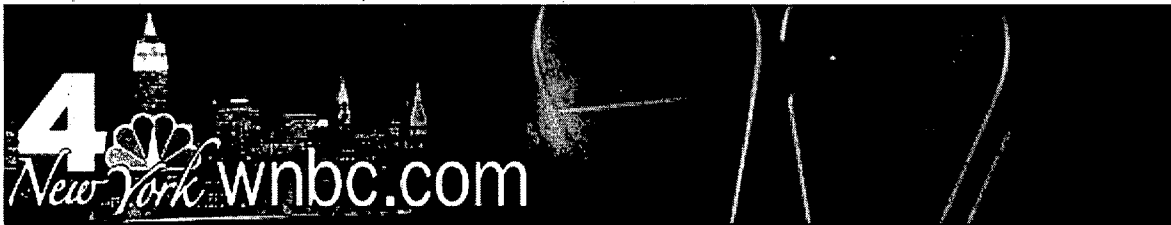


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Brian Thompson

New Jersey Reporter, News 4 New York



Brian Thompson has served as New Jersey reporter for News 4 New York since 1998. Based at the station's New Jersey bureau in Moonachie, Thompson has broken many stories, including the news that then-New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey would resign in a sex scandal, a story that Thompson broke via phone while out of state. Two hours later, the governor went on national TV to announce what Thompson had first reported.

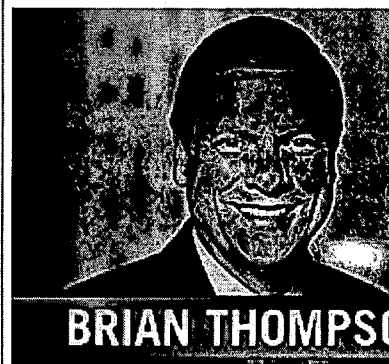
Later, it was the departure of McGreevey, and his replacement by acting Gov. Richard Codey, that led to one of the most significant stories of Thompson's career; a 45-minute s interview with the first lady and Gov. Codey regarding her life-long struggle with depression.

A year after Sept. 11, 2001, Thompson was the first and only reporter to listen to and air the New Jersey police recordings of the attack on the World Trade Center, a story later nominated for an Emmy-award.

Additionally, Thompson was the only TV reporter prese New Jersey's first gay wedding and the first television r to report that State Police Superintendent Joseph Santi would resign. He was also the first to report that Frank Lautenberg would leave retirement to return to the U.S. Known for his tenacity and follow-through, Thompson p all-nighter to ensure full-coverage of a crucial legislative over a new state budget.

Having joined News 4 New York in 1996, a year later,

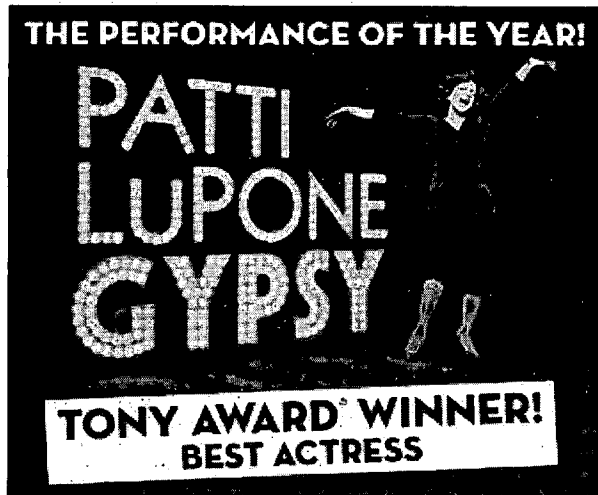
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Thompson was instrumental in WNBC's decision to carry New York state's legislative debate on extending rent control for New York City, a story Thompson field anchored from Albany.

Prior, Thompson worked for five years in Washington, D.C., covering the White House, Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and federal agencies for two dozen TV stations around the country. During that time, he traveled to Normandy to report on the 50th anniversary of the invasion, to Hawaii for the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, and to Bosnia-Herzegovina to report on the United States' involvement in the Balkan conflict less than a month after the first U.S. troops entered that country.

Before that, he spent 17 years in Charlotte, N.C., covering many stories, the political career of then-Sen. Jesse Helms while traveling around the world on various assignments.

In 2005, Thompson garnered a New York Emmy-award for his work on News 4 New York's political series "What Matters," has been cited five times by the Associated Press for Best Coverage by a New Jersey-based Correspondent and was given the first Environmental Journalism Award by the NY/NJ Baykeeper for a pair of reports on an ill development on the edge of New York's Harbor.

He began his career in radio, at stations in Charlotte, where he was news director at an all-news radio station, Gainesville, Fla., where he received a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Florida.

Thompson resides in New Jersey with his two children.

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Thompson goes deep

WNBC/Ch. 4's Brian Thompson recently did a piece on a stretch of water in New Jersey that is so polluted visitors are warned that eating just one crab could cause health problems.

So what does Thompson do? He dons waders and gets in the drink, of course.

Thompson said in an e-mail Thursday the point of doing such a standup is to "enhance the viewer's connection with the reporter's storytelling."

Sure, he noted, he could just as easily have stood in front of a green or blue Chroma Key with a picture of the river superimposed behind him.

"Instead, if I'm talking about recreational uses for this river, why not draw the viewer 'into' it with me?"

Thompson said that any standup is open to valid critique, but he added: "If we don't go in the water, does that also mean we should no longer walk through the burning embers of a tragic house fire, or take the viewer through the figurative and literal labyrinth of the desks of the state Senate chamber? Instead of driving behind the wheel to talk about toll hike impacts on motorists, do I just stand by the side of the road?"

"In my book, you might as well bring on the Chroma Key."